

ROYAL MILLS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (ROMRA)

Minutes from 2nd September 2015

Attendees

Patrick Langan (Chair)

Zoe Salisbury (Secretary)

Hunter Lyden

Luke Galloway

Giovanni di Cosmo

Apologies: Alan Simper, Frankie Annets, James McMillan, Joe Hodgkinson

1. Minutes of meeting held 2 June 2015
 - a. Approved (subject to point 2 line 10 should read ‘...MLDC...’)
 - b. Matters Arising - none
2. Elections – Acting Vice-Chair
 - a. Hunter Lynden elected
3. Finance
 - a. Bank signatures
 - i. Hunter Lynden agreed
 - ii. PL to follow up with Bank
4. Annual General Meeting
 - a. Date – 2 December 2015
 - b. Venue – PL to discuss with GVA re room availability, if nothing available ZS to investigate alternative options.
 - c. JM to advise re updating constitution to incl Phase 2?
5. Building Issues
 - a. Alan Simper was unable to attend the meeting but dealt with Buildings issues via email correspondence
 - b. Matters arising were as follows (see agenda items).
 - i. Item 5a (7b) Courtyard – Bollards remain of low quality, many are now damaged or completely broken after a mere 4 months. The bollards and low-level planters are an issue, visually for cars. They are not easily visible when reversing; this is a concern of the residents. Can Zenith update us on where the bollard replacement is up to and also comment on the low level planters?
 - ii. Item 5a (7d) Water Ingress - Paragon The water penetration is through window on ground floor, to the right of the entrance.

- c. Additional building issues raised at the meeting
 - i. Kennedy Building Cladding - Kennedy building external-cladding remains unfinished, please could the management team chase this up?
 - ii. Road Closure Signs - Road closure on the side of Paragon and all diversion signs need to be taken down.
 - iii. Window Cleaning Paragon - Windows above the flat roof on the Cotton Street elevation have not been cleaned. We assume this is due to the difficulties to reach them. But they do need to be cleaned, please could this be resolved.

6. Communication / Decision making protocols

- a. Chair asked how everyone felt about the emails for Hood Street and are everyone happy to be included. Chair was concerned about different variations of the document being passed about. We all agreed to continue to use email, but Hunter has offered to set up a test Google docs' facility.
- b. We also discussed how we communicate with the residents, especially those who aren't on facebook. We will be using the notice boards more frequently.

7. Planning Issues

- a. Hood Street –
 - i. Agreed "Hood St approach" works well i.e. post to RoMRA website, cc Facebook and backed up with flyers / noticeboards as required
 - ii. What do we do next? We are looking to mailshot the councilors with our objection letter; also engage further with the local press, MEN (Dan Bourne), Manchester Confidential etc. We will create a press release. We also need to lobby our MP, Lucy Powell.

- iii. This is a Public/private partnership, however they are ignoring our concerns. They received 44 complaints at the public consultation, but these were ignored.
 - iv. Can we arrange a site visit for the planning councillors; the committee are looking into this.
 - v. Planning committee meeting for the Hood St site is on 15th October.
- b. Jersey Street Development - Do we object? We need to garner feeling amongst the residents to see if there is desire to object.
 - c. Edinburgh Castle Development - This is an 8-storey development planned to wrap around the Edinburgh Castle pub. The height affects the cutting room square in the evening sun. We as a committee have not objected to this, as we were not aware of the planning application until late into the process.
 - d. Ancoats area update - Patrick met with Louise, Principal Regeneration Officer for Ancoats. She provided an update as detailed in Agenda Item 7d

8. AOB

- a. It was agreed that the Constitution needs to be checked in order to see whether it needs updating to include Phase II.

9. Next meeting

- a. Annual General Meeting scheduled for 2nd December 2015. Venue to be confirmed.